

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Liu, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/646,103
Filed	:	August 22, 2003
For	:	PASSIVATED MAGNETO- RESISTIVE BIT STRUCTURE AND PASSIVATION METHOD THEREFOR
Examiner	:	Marcos D. Pizarro Crespo
Group Art Unit	:	2814

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 12, 2007****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully respond to the December 12, 2007 Office Action as set forth below. Claims 8-11, 13-15, and 17-20 remain in the present application. Claims 1-7 were previously canceled. Claims 12 and 16 have been canceled.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.